



# ECOSOC

Economic and Social Council

## COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY (CDP)



### The Committee

- 24 members nominated by the Secretary-General in their personal capacity
- Mandated to periodically review the least developed countries (LDC) category and advise ECOSOC on annual themes

### Least developed countries (LDCs)

- Conducts triennial reviews of the LDC category and recommends to ECOSOC countries that should be included or should graduate
- Sets the criteria for identifying LDCs
- Monitors progress of graduating and graduated countries
- Promotes support for a smooth transition from the LDC category

### ECOSOC themes - 2030 Agenda

- Leaving no one behind,
- Productive capacity
- Development cooperation
- Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)
- Multilateralism
- Industrial policy
- Just green transition
- Debt

### The CDP in 2022

#### LDCs

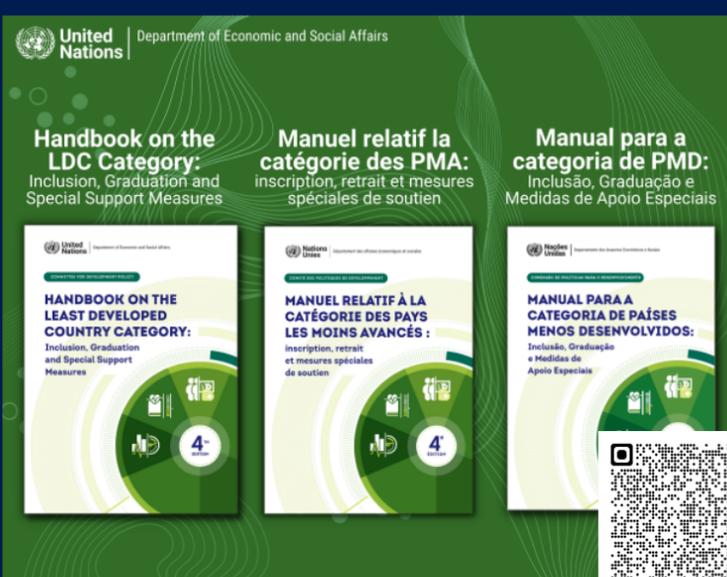
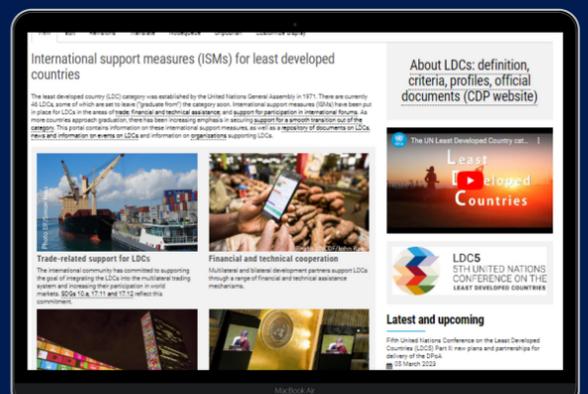
- Graduating and recently graduated LDCs:
  - Expressed concern at limited national capacity to address COVID-19, disasters, debt
  - Implementing its new enhanced monitoring mechanism
  - Called for support to the integrated sustainable graduation support facility (iGRAD)
- Stressed urgency of Doha Programme of Action
- Concerned with the devastating socioeconomic impacts of COVID-19 on LDCs

#### ECOSOC theme - key messages

- Industrial policies can be instrumental in building forward from COVID-19 and the pre-existing crises of climate change and inequality: need inclusiveness, accountability and need effective regional and global frameworks
- VNRs: improvements but lack of attention to the transformative and integrated objectives of the 2030 Agenda

### Information resources

- CDP, publications, LDCs, graduation process: <https://cdp.un.org>
- LDC information and data: [bit.ly/CDP-LDCs](https://bit.ly/CDP-LDCs)
- LDC Portal (international support measures for LDCs): [www.un.org/ldcportal](https://www.un.org/ldcportal)
- E-Ping (information on product requirements for exporters, with WTO and ITC): [www.epingalert.org](https://www.epingalert.org)
- Handbook on the LDC category



### Upcoming

- Plenary session: 20-24 February 2023
- 2023: LDC5, debt, just green transition, VNRs, review of LDC criteria
- 2024: Triennial Review of the LDC category

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